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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE # 10/B
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In re Application of:)

Gary K. Michelson)

Serial No.: 09/553,573)

Filed: April 19, 2000)

For: Artificial Hemi-Lumbar Interbody)
Spinal Implant Having An Asymmetrical)
Leading End And Method For)
Installation Thereof)

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, the following amendments
and remarks are submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 35 and amend claims 1 and 34 (with changes as shown in
the attachment) to read as follows:

B. 1. (Twice amended) An artificial interbody spinal implant for insertion at least in
part across the height of a disc space between adjacent vertebral bodies of a human
spine, the vertebral bodies having an anterior aspect and a posterior aspect, said
implant comprising:

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